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## U.S. INDICTS FEMA WORKER FOR SUBMITTING PHONY BILLS WHILE DETAILED TO WORLD TRADE CENTER RELIEF EFFORTS

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that MARCIA GLENN, a former employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), was charged with fraud while detailed to Manhattan to assist with FEMA's relief efforts after the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

According to the Indictment, filed on February 20, 2003, in Manhattan federal court, GLENN was a Disaster Assistance Employee ("DAE") who worked at FEMA's offices in Georgia. DAE employees are on-call employees who provide various types of assistance and who perform temporary disaster work.

After the attack on the World Trade Center, several hundred FEMA employees, including GLENN, were deployed to New York City to help with relief efforts. The Indictment alleges that GLENN submitted four fraudulent travel youchers and

accompanying paperwork to FEMA, seeking reimbursement in the total amount of approximately \$11,683.

According to the Indictment, GLENN's first fraudulent travel voucher claimed expenses for a stay in New York City for the period covering December 26-31, 2001. It further alleges that GLENN was at home in Georgia during this period. The Indictment further alleges that GLENN submitted three other fraudulent travel vouchers and accompanying paperwork, falsely claiming reimbursement for certain housing expenses at a rooming house called Le Rivage in connection with her stay in New York City during January through March, 2002. It further alleges that GLENN had not stayed at Le Rivage as she had claimed.

GLENN, 39, a resident of Decatur, Georgia, surrendered to authorities in Atlanta, Georgia today.

If convicted, GLENN faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 on each of the 12 counts in the Indictment.

Mr. COMEY praised the efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorney SERENE K. NAKANO is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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